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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF GERMAN STEEL MARKET CONDITIONS AND  
FERROUS SCRAP REQUIREMENTS

1. OFFICIAL SOF GERMAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUE GAVE  
THE FOLLOWING DATA ON A PERSONAL BAIS. THEY STRESSED  
THAT ESTIMATES OF 1975 REPRESENT THEIR OWN BEST GUESSES  
AND ARE NOT OFFICIAL. ALL FIGURES ARE IN MILLION METRIC  
TONS EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

2. RAW STEEL PRODUCTION 1974 -- 53.2 MT  
RAW STEEL PRODUCTION 1ST Q 1975-- 11.4 MT  
FINISHED PRODUCT PRODUCTION 1974-- 34.9 MT  
FINISHED PRODUCT PRODUCTION 1 ST Q 1975 -- 7.2 MT  
RAW STEEL CAPACITY UTILIZATION 1974-- 88 PERCENT  
RAW STEEL CAPACITY UTILIZATION 1ST Q 1975-- 75 PERCENT  
FINISHED PRODUCT CAPACITY UTILIZATION 1974-- 72 PERCENT  
FINISHED PRODUCT CAPACITY UTILIZATION 1ST Q 1975-- 60 PERCENT

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ESTIMATED RAW STEEL OUTPUT 1975-- 47-49 MT

ESTIMATED FINISHED PRODUCT OUTPUT 1975-- 30 MT

3. STEEL CONSUMPTION 1974 -- 45 MT  
PROJECTED STEEL CONSUMPTION 1975 -- 40-45 MT  
STEEL EXPORTS 1974-- 16.8 MT  
PROJECTED STEEL EXPORTS 1975 -- 14-16 MT

4. CURRENT INVENTORY LEVELS AT STEEL-USING FIRMS ARE  
SLIGHTLY BELOW NORMAL.

5. EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES 1974---- 1.8 MT  
PROJECTED EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATE 1975-- 1.8 MT

6. STEEL PRICES IN GERMANY ARE NOW ABOUT HALF WHAT THEY  
WERE IN 1974 FOR MANY PRODUCT LINES. THE INSTITUTE EXPECTS  
THE PRICE LEVEL TO STABILIZE AND RISE SLOWLY FROM CURRENT  
LOW.

7. THE INSTITUTE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY SIGNIFICANT  
IMPORTS OF FERROUS STEEL SCRAP FROM THE UNITED STATES.  
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